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#### ABBREVIATIONS

**CBS** - Central Bureau of Statistics

**CDPS** - Central Department of Population Studies

**CPC** - Child Protection Centre

**CRC** - Child Rights Convention

**CWIN** - Child Workers Concerned Centre in Nepal

**EFA** - Education for All

**DFA** - Dacor Framework for Action

**FWDR** - Far-Western Development Region

**GOs** - GovernmentOrganizations

**HMG** - His Majesty's Government

**ILO** - International Labour Organization

**ILS** - Institute of Labour Service

**INGO** - International Non-governmental Organization

**IPEC** - International Programme for the Elimination of

Child Labour

NGO - Non-governmental Organization

NHDR - Nepal Human Development Report

**NPC** - National Planning Commission

**SAARC** - South Asian Association for Regional Co-operation

SACCS - South Asia Coalition on Child Servitude

TU - Tribhuvan University

**UK** - United Kingdom

**UN** - United Nations

**UNDP** - United Nations Development Programme

**UNESCO** - United Nations Educational Scientific and

**Cultural Organization** 

**VDC** - Village Development Committee

**WDR** - World Development Report